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12 June 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Cynthia Cooper regarding Mexico City cable traffic.

2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
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Attachment

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Cynthia Cooper
C-9

11-23-77

To Mexico 11-22 cite 84802
use all your facilities to follow
& report soviet embassy activity & reaction
during these hours.

To Mexico 11-23 84821
send staffer w/ all photos of Oswald
to HQ & next available flight.

To Mexico 11-23 84837
asked for following info on Kostikov
- travels
- whereabouts 11-22 and activities in Nov
- names & legend of contacts
- future contacts
- unusual activities involving KGB
or Soviet Personnel from 11-30 November

To Mexico 11-23 84880
Kostikov traveled in Sept
w/ Gen. Gavrilovich Gerasimov (who in close
contact w/ Cuban consul)

Mexico 11-23 84916

Arrest of Duran could prejudice
Oswald's freedom of action on entire
question of FBRUMEN responsibility.
Arrest should be kept secret, fact
of or content should not be leaked
especially to leftist circles in
Mexican govt.

Mexico 11-23 84917

ref. 84916 keep legal attacks fully
informed

18+19 M.S.S. 19

Mexico 11-24 84920

Hdq - Questioned what exactly Oswald's
travel plans to Cuba and ~~then~~ Russia
were. Was he leaving immediately
or going to return (to states of the
Sug-Durand should be questioned very
carefully on this point.

Mexico 11-24 84921

5 license plates # and persons belonging
to - having to do w/ Duran.

Mexico 11-25 84926

Request of cable summary of info on
Duran. Also request Altamil Nune
be questioned as to his knowledge on
LHO contacts w/ Cuban & Soviet Embassies

Mexico 11-25 84952

Obtain and cable reports or
statements on Duran & husband.

Mexico 11-27 85178

- 1) Mann's message~~d~~ relayed to address decision (on what?) will be cabled to you after they confer, 11-27 probably.
- 2) - Suggested contact made w/Alvarado's Nic. case officer, whether he had mentioned story to him.
- 3) No action to re-arrest Duran or others w/out approval.

Mexico 11-27 85198

1. Analyse and investigate Alvarado's story further before more action.
2. Note Alvarado's claim still in Nicaraguan service although Managua's belief they was dropped 8-63.
3. Rusk and Hoover might have recommendations on this problem after further consideration.

The explanation for gaps is that all cables sent by the director were in the same number series.

Mexico 11-27 85245

1. Justice Dept. will be preparing a report on assassinations and will want info. on Oswald's activities in Mexi. Cannot compromise Lienvoy but Duran statements essentially the same so pls. send translated versions of her statements.

Mexico 11-27 85258

2. Odenry says -

Oswald applied for unemployment 9-17

He is checking airlines.

Left N.O. 9-25 for TX w/out paying rent.

3. Above further reason not to believe Alvarado.

Mexico 11-27 85318 re: Meri 7101

1. These instructions coordinated w/ O'dacid and Odenry.

2. Mexican authorities should interrogate Duran to extent necessary to clarify outstanding points which have been raised by your cables last 48 hrs. You may provide questions but there will be no contact between Duran & Americans.

Mexico 11-27 55371

Rearrest of Duran should not be associated w/ Americans - ~~Mexican~~
"We want Mexican Authorities to take responsibility for whole affair."

Mexico 11-27 85391

Info from Odenry re: licence plates reference

belonging to J. Morgan Daniels

Merminio Duarte Martins.

Mexico 11-27

85469

Mexi
re: 7104

2. Have discussed 7104 with Alexis Johnson. Wants Mann to know that requested ~~into~~ instructions will probably not be forthcoming prior 11-28. Odensky has jurisdiction in Wash. Both Odacid & Kubark attempting to follow wishes.

3. There is a feeling in 3 agencies Mann is pushing case too hard re: para 5-7104. Will cause flap with Cubans. Johnson sent Odacid channels to Mann to give better perspective.

Mexico

11-27

85616

In the face of mounting evidence it appears that Alvarado's story is a fabrication. Urge you follow up with his Mex. case officer.

Coincidence that Dorticos and Alvarado talk of money paid to Oswald not remarkable.

Interrogators of Alvarado must:

1. probe deeply into makeup
2. be sympathetic
3. promise "face saving secrecy" and specious hopes of future cooperation

Mexi

11-28

85653

Proved Oswald was in NO 9-19 with this info clear that Alvarado is a fabricator and psychiatric help could be suggested.

Mexico 11-28

85654

Story of bank deposit by Oswald of \$500 could be misleading and give support to Alvarado. But story is uncorroborated. Pls. do not assume this office is in possession of facts known to Odemey or Dallas P.D. Odemey has requested full info on this story from the official.

Mexico

11-28

85655

re: 85469

Do not discontinue or let down your investigation - We have not excluded the possibility of involvement by as yet unknown persons.

Mexico

11-28

85661

Do not turn Alvarado over to Mexicans. Odemey has been asked for opinion on this matter.

Advise if Odemey in Mexi attempts to get you to act on turning Alvarado over to Mexicans.

Mexico 11-28

85663

Odemey requests Kubark turn Alvarado over to Mexican police.

Mexicans will be requested to administer polygraph.

Mexico

11-28

85667

re: 7120

no fluent Spanish speaking flatter man available.

Mexico 11-29 85669
Cortezoid 3 should go to
Mexico - can be used as consultant
to Mexicans

Mexico 11-29 85672
Request for continual updates on
Durán & Alvarado interviews.

Mexico 11-29 85712
Time is of essence in reporting
what Mexicans are learning from
Alvarado & Durán. Up to know
we have been forwarding messages
to Odemy. Pls give info immediately
to Odemy Mexico City and they
will cable Odemy Wjgo.

Mexico 11-30 86064
Heard Alvarado confessed he lied.
Cable details of interrogation.
"what threats, promises, inducements
and tactics used by Odeby?" "Was
Alvarado physically mistreated?" "Much?"
Did Alvarado hear false story of bank
deposit? Urge Nic. not to be away
w/ him. Question of Oswald
acting solely on own still unanswered.

Mexico 12-3 86563
Alvarado will be polygraphed due to
retraction of confession. 7203

we do not want him returned to Nicaragua till he is fluttered.
Arrange w/ Altampos to release Alvarado to us for few days.

2. Pablo Davis of Kurood will arrive 12-4 Do not blow him and prefer Mexicans not be aware of plans to flutter Alvarado. Davis will be in charge of flutter.

Clark Anderson will act as interpreter so he can testify at later hearings.

Alvarado should not be in fear of bodily harm and should be fed and rested. The question of him returning to Nicaragua should be open, this gives flutter man "maximum maneuvering room".

Mexico 86621 12-4

Plan and progress for Alvarado flutter good. The hotel. Idea of 2 spanish speaking interrogators good.

Mexico 86659 12-4
Arrival plans for Davis

Mexico 12-5 86976
Did Davis get through customs alright?

Mexico 12-7 87666
Alvarado will be returned to the Nicaragua - story is a hoax. Avoid anything which would induce

and to this end

Alvarado to resume fabrication
We request Mexican + Nicaraguan
authorities take no punitive actions.

Mexico 12-12 88642

Odenry wishes to wind up
analysis of cast an needs the
results of interrogation of Duran
& Husband during second arrest.
We conjecture she may not have
be interrogated.

Mexico 12-12 88650

Do not erase ~~the~~ Cuban +
Soviet tapes made between 11-22 and
present.

Mexico 12-16 89366

In para 2 Duran states
Aparicio has a telephone - 141299.
Who is Aparicio and is that
his number?
Pls. have monitors identify voices
of various Soviets to whom Oswald
or Duran dealt w/ on the telephone

Mexico 12-20 90466

Present plan an passing info to
W.C. is to eliminate mention of telephone
taps in order to protect your continuing
ops. But will rely on Duran statements
and Soviet files on Oswald.

Director 11-23 67190

Mepi suggest to Litemps 2 that Duran be arrested immediately and held incommunicado.

Director 11-23 67236
- Arrest of Duran (notification)

Director 11-24 67252
in 1-63 Duran seen in 2 cars w/ Texas Plates.

Director 11-24 67261
1. Oswald entered Nuevo Laredo on 9-26
2. Left by auto 10-3-63

Director 11-24 67262
Mann was very pleased re: 84917 about arrest of Duran but hopes Washington can decide leaks

Director 11-24- 6728
Cerverria told COS Duran completely cooperative.

Director 11-24 6738
re: content of Duran interview
nothing new

Director 11-26 68291
Station office & security officer
are interviewing Alvarado. Request
traces on Alvarado.

Director 11-26 68376
cable gives account of Alvarado's
story.

Director 11-26 68400
from Mann
for McCone, Rusk & Hoover
Mann with compliance from
Schoo and Anderson suggests
confronting Susan w/ Alvarado.
3. "If she did break under
interrogation and we suggest mediums
should be asked to go all out in
seeing that she does"

Director 11-27 68496
1. Mann has asked State
that Odumby officer be sent for
briefing off U.S. angle of case.

Director 11-27 68542
Mann feels not fully briefed
on Oswald/Rubinstein case.
Chief Odumby in Mexi feels this
might be interpreted as a lack of
confidence in him

COI feels Chief Odenry one of best
and most cooperative and
Mann has expressed satisfaction
with Chief Odenry many times.

But Odenry should send officer
to satisfy Mann unless Johnson
can convince Mann that she is
receiving all information.

Director 11-27 68530
Alvarado's story being checked
thoroughly, he reinterviewed in
greatest detail, has been moved to
safe address. Close surveillance
put on Duran as of 11-26 by
Cheverria.

Director 11-27 69127
Alvarado reinterviewed 11-26.
Identified photos of Cuban consulate
personnel not by name but by
height, duties, skin coloring, disposition,
etc.
Reenacted passing of money
Spoke of background.

Director 11-27 69 between 69131-69147
Duran has been rearrested because
trying to leave Mexico for Cuba.

Director 11-27 69225
from Mann

1. In taped telephone ~~conv~~ conversation
Armas & Dorticos, Dorticos again
expressed concern that the Mexican
police had questioned Duran about money.

2. Alvarado questioned again
wealth of detail makes story
striking.

3. Chevarria later denied to
legal attache that he had any concrete
evidence that Duran was about to go
to Cuba. Contradictory statements
made are explained (by desire of
government of Mexi to play down
importance of Oswald visit there
Chevarria stated Dorticos only
wanted to know if Mexicans tried
to pay Duran for story.
Suggest ~~they~~ Mexican authorities
arrest Ozene Luisa Calderon
and Alfredo Mirabel.

Director 11-27 69310

Seems that Alvarados story
only proves he's been in Cuban
embassy. Asks for (Nic) Jerez
to be present to put Nicaraguan
weight with no questions.

Director 11-28 69620

Request authorization to turn
Alvarado over to Litempos w/ brief
explanation. w/ approval

brief explanation includes that he plans to travel to Cuba w/ false Mexican papers "Latter point alone gives Mexicans good reason to subject him to detailed interrogation".
of turnover station would plan no further contact with Alvarado.

Director 11-28 69636

Durans reaction at Cuban embassy after interrogation said had been threatened with extradition to US to face Oswald but was unafraid.

Neither L-7 or L-9 had any knowledge of Oswald being in the Cuban Embassy at any time.

Director 11-28 69659 re: 85371

The second pickup of Duran by Gov. initiative shows Mexican desire to cooperate. Chevarria received instructions from Litensor not to release until Curtis said so. At HQ request Curtis furnished questions. Decision re: release must be Mexicans.

Director 11-28 69670
Request for Spanish speaking
flatter man, if Alvarado agrees.

Director 11-28 69676
Mexican are pleased to pick up Alvarado for questioning. Unless something new turns up in his interrogation or Duran's she will be released during night of 11-28 or early 11-29. Chevarria advised the Mexican Government refused to pick or accept the rude note given to Amb. Bosques in Havana by Cuban Foreign Minister - Raul Roa.

Director 11-29 70103
Duran released 1900 hrs. 11-28
She still appears to Mexicans only involved w/ Oswald for business

Director

1. Litemps 4 11-29 70145
gives same story Mexicans as given
to Station. Except failed to
identify picture of Duran.
2. Interrogation continues. Alvarado
till now suave, has begun to get
tougher.
3. Alvarado gives same story
as reason he is in Mexico.
4. Litemps 4 does not believe
story and will try to "break".

Director

11-30

70530

1. Litemps 4 (very intelligent officer)
says: talked w/ Alvarado
1 hr morning 11-29
3 hrs afternoon 11-29
2. First session Litemps 4 thought
Alvarado telling "fantastic" lie.
After second session and all
interim Alvarado sticking to story.
Either telling the truth essentially
or he is the best liar I have
talked to in ~~the~~ many years
and I have talked to some of
the biggest. Litemps inclined
to believe Alvarado but believes
he is mixed up on dates.

* Thyroid 3 appears to have just
arrived and not seen Litemps 4
yet.

Note - between 70530 and 70860
there is no mention of further interrogation
or meetings between Litempo 4 and Cthyroid 3.
Director 11-30 70860

1. Litempo 4 & Cthyroid 3 met evening of 11-29 "unofficially" and C³ reported on Alvarado's background. He told Litempo 4 that Alvarado has been "75% accurate" in his reporting and had had access and furnished good information on communists in govt. He said, however, that Alvarado inclined "to go off on his own" at times and impossible control.
2. At 1030 hours 11-30 Litempo 4 reported to COS that Alvarado has signed a statement saying that story of seeing Oswald inside Cuban Embassy is completely false. Did not call the U.S. Embassy on 9-28 first call was 9-25.
3. Part about wanting false Mexican documentation and go to Cuba for sabotage training is true.
4. Motive was to get U.S. to take action against ~~the~~ Castro.

the time mixup is this
70530 slated 2135 11-29.

Director 12-2 71902

1. Ecthyroid 3 saw Alvarado first time 12-2 and reverted to previous story. Did call PB SUTING to report (PBBWING moved. does not support. He was threatened ~~by~~ ^{with} hanging by testicles.

2. Alvarado not their agent when visited Cuban Embassy according to CPB

3. Reported that Alvarado was being deported and F3 would be able to interrogate him fully.

Director 12-3 72684

Mann sent cable to Johnson advising him of Alvarado's story. Recommends Kubark & Odessa send flutter operator to Managua to interrogate Alvarado.

Director 12-3 72877

(12-5) 1. Chevarria agrees to lend Alvarado to COS

2. Questioning held either safehouse or hotel - Please advise.

3. Clark Anderson or Joe Garcia will act as interpreter.

4. Request Ecthyroid 3 be advised by ops. in Mexico to stay

Director 12-5 74273

1. Peter K Woodhead arrived and got through customs no problem.
2. Interrogation held Apt #3 Calle Merida 1166

Anderson alone will interpret for Woodhead.

Director 12-6 74696

1. Alvarado bitter at Mexicans and embassy for turning him over
2. Question of flutter not yet broached. Migration inspectors taking him out for a good meal tonight in hopes of prolonging upswing of ~~the~~ rapport reached Howard End of session

Director 12-7 75571

Cathyroid 3 returning Managua 12-7

Director 12-7 75588

Flutter shows subject fabricating story

Alvarado returning Managua 12-8

Director 12-10 77704

6 Tapes of Alvarado being
pouched and sent 12-10.

Director 12-12 79373

Duran during second interrogation
that

no affiliation w/ Soviet Embassy
or MLCP

remembered Oswald perfectly was
no glasses

Knew of no red headed negro
& had no plans to go to Cuba